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SUBJECT: WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE ON ARGENTINE
REFUGEE FOR VESCO

1. WALL STREET JOURNAL OF NOV. 19 PUBLISHED SCOTT R. SCHMEDEL ARTICLE ENTITLED "VESCO PAVES THE WAY FOR A NEW REFUGEE IN PERON'S ARGENTINA: FINANCIER IS SAID TO WIN RIGHT OF RESIDENCY AND IMMUNITY THERE FROM U.S. PROSECUTION." VESCO'S BAHAMIAN TRIAL LAWYER, EUGENE DUPUCH, REPORTEDLY DISCLOSED THAT ON OCT. 22 VESCO OBTAINED AN ORDER FROM AN ARGENTINE COURT GRANTING HIM IMMUNITY FROM EXTRADITION ON GROUNDS ANY CHARGES RELATED TO ICC OR IOS ARE DEEMED "... BROUGHT FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES." ARTICLE CITED OTHER SOURCES OUTSIDE VESCO CAMP IN REPORT THAT VESCO HAS OBTAINED STATUS OF PERMANENT RESIDENT OF ARGENTINA WITH APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT PERON AND THAT VESCO ABOUT NOV. 1 OBTAINED ASSURANCES OF ARGENTINE INTERIOR MINISTER THAT ANY FUTURE U.S. REQUEST

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TO EXTRADITE VESCO FROM ARGENTINA WOULD BE DENIED.

2. MARTI FIGUERES, SON OF PRESIDENT, REPORTEDLY
ACKNOWLEDGED TO JOURNAL REPORTER THAT HE HAD
ACCOMPANIED VESCO ON LATE OCTOBER FLIGHT TO BUENOS
AIRES, BUT INSISTED THAT HE HAD ONLY "TAGGED ALONG
FOR THE RIDE." MARTI FIGUERES TOLD REPORTER THAT HE
HAD GONE TO BUENOS AIRES IN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO FIND

CUSTOMERS FOR ROPE PRODUCED BY HIS FAMILY FIRM. HE
ADDED THAT HE HAD ONLY SEEN VESCO ONCE OR TWICE DURING
STAY AND DID NOT LEARN VESCO'S REASON FOR BUENOS AIRES
VISIT. (ARTICLE INCLUDED IN NOV. 19 ARA-PAF PRESS CLIPS).

3. A.P. ITEM ON NOV. 20 CONTAINED DENIAL BY ARGENTINE
INTERIOR MINISTER LLAMBI OF ARRANGEMENT TO GUARANTEE
VESCO A SAFE HAVEN FROM U.S AUTHORITIES.

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